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It is wrong to persecute Microsoft. The general public has never been harmed by Microsoft's business practices. The only winners in the Justice and states' case against Microsoft is Microsoft's competitors. To say that the public would be better off if Microsoft's competitors were able to be more competitive is a phantom. No one could possibly know what would happen if Microsoft's competitors were better managed, more in tune with their markets, employees more motivated and more visionary. And yet the government has decided it does know the outcome of something that NEVER HAPPENED. What a farce!

Compared to what IBM wanted to charge for OS/2, Microsoft has maintained a low price to the general PC user for its operating systems. To ensure the general user was able to utilize reliable sub-programs to the operating system, Microsoft has added and maintained features over the years. Microsoft's success has primarily come from listening to its customers and providing what they wanted.

Why is the government punishing one of the best managed manufacturers in the world...a company that listens to the consumer, a company that allows its employees to be owners, a visionary, risk-taking, financially solid, world encompassing power for the US economy? No other reason than that Microsoft's business competitors found the US government willing to do their work for them. There is greed in the halls of congress and Microsoft's competitors are taking full advantage of it.